

*The Marshals*

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## Deputy marshals continue to shine

***Without fanfare, the Marshals Service adds to its arrest totals through hard work and cooperation***

In 2003, the Marshals Service arrested more than 36,000 federal fugitives — more than all other law enforcement agencies combined. And while participating in cooperative task forces, the agency arrested 32,000 state and local fugitives.

These numbers represent countless hours of operational dedication, and the success of today's deputy marshals can be found at the intersection of old-fashioned investigative work and state-of-the-art techniques.

### **Shawn Hill nabbed**

Deputy marshals from several districts had a hand in tracking Shawn Hill from New Haven, Conn., to Waynesboro, Va. — before finally capturing him in Raleigh, N.C.

Hill, 20, of New Haven, was wanted on a Connecticut warrant for first-degree felony assault in connection with the shooting and robbery of a suspected drug dealer. He is also a suspect in 10 shootings and armed robberies.

Also picked up was Antwain



*Deputy marshals in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania searched for fugitive Braulio Torres for three years before arresting him without incident in Philadelphia. Pictured here are the 27 kilograms of cocaine and \$37,000 in cash that was seized from his residence. [Story, p. 2]*

Yopp, 21, an associate of Hill's who was wanted for violating his parole. Both men were arrested without incident.

The Marshals Service in Connecticut became involved in the Hill case because several New Haven police officers are members of the agency's fugitive task force there.

Connecticut deputies developed leads that Hill might be in Waynesboro, where his father lives. But when their counterparts in Western Virginia went to the residence in question, they missed the suspect by mere minutes.

But they did recover a gun, drug paraphernalia and a small quantity of crack cocaine.

From there, the focus shifted to Raleigh, and that is where Eastern North Carolina deputies arrested Hill and Yopp.

Western Virginia Marshal

Wayne Pike praised the work of his district's deputy marshals and those in Connecticut and Eastern North Carolina, as well as the local officers who were involved.

"Good things can come out of aggressive law enforcement efforts when agencies cooperate and work together for the greater good of society," Pike said.

### **Ronnie Drane snared**

Members of two different Marshals Service task forces came together to arrest Ronnie Drane in Nashville, Tenn.

Drane, on the agency's "15 Most Wanted" fugitive list, allegedly shot two people in Gary, Ind. — killing one of them.

His case was featured on the "America's Most Wanted" television program, and this generated leads that were passed along to deputy marshals serving

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# USMS racks up arrests

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on the Middle Tennessee Fugitive Task Force and the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force.

Deputies and their task force colleagues soon zeroed in on the Nashville area. Through investigative legwork and subsequent surveillance, they pinpointed Drane at an apartment complex. It was there they arrested him without incident.

## Body of Dru Sjodin found

North Dakota deputy marshals worked diligently alongside thousands of other law enforcement officers to locate University of North Dakota student Dru Sjodin this past winter.

Sjodin, 22, had disappeared Nov. 22, 2003, after leaving her job in Grand Forks, N.D. The police believed she was kidnaped, and the massive search that ensued involved volunteers and officers on the federal, state and local levels, as well as members of the National Guard in North Dakota and Minnesota.

On Dec. 1, authorities arrested Alfonso Rodriguez, 51, of Crookston, Minn. He is a convicted sex offender who had been released from prison in May 2003, after serving 23 years for attempted kidnaping, assault, attempted rape and aggravated rape.

But searchers were still unable to locate Sjodin. Deputies kept conducting interviews and pursuing leads. They also helped local officers create a photo lineup similar to ones that are used by Marshals Service task forces.

Search crews continued looking

for Sjodin but were thwarted by severe winter weather and five-foot snow drifts.

On April 18, 2004, during the spring thaw, Sjodin was found in a ravine near a county road northwest of Crookston. Her body showed signs of torture.

The indictment against Rodriguez stated that he killed her "in an especially heinous, cruel and depraved manner" and that the crime was carried out "after substantial planning."

Facing a possible death penalty, the suspect pleaded not guilty on May 13. He is currently being jailed in Grand Forks.

## Braulio Torres captured

After a three-year investigation, Eastern Pennsylvania deputy marshals arrested Massachusetts fugitive Braulio Torres in Philadelphia.

Braulio was wanted in Massachusetts for assault with attempt to murder and also wanted in Philadelphia on drug charges.

Massachusetts deputies determined that the fugitive was in the Philadelphia area. In December 2000, they sent the lead to their counterparts in Eastern Pennsylvania, who soon discovered that



*This is the primary search area below the Thompson Bridge, near Grand Forks, N.D. Here, members of the Grand Forks County dive team, U.S. Border Patrol and the National Guard bored holes in the ice to search for the body of missing 22-year-old Dru Sjodin.*

Braulio was selling large amounts of cocaine in the city. Then they found out where he lived and set up surveillance.

They conducted a felony traffic stop on Braulio and arrested him without incident — while also finding one kilogram of cocaine in his vehicle.

Philadelphia Police officers obtained a search warrant, and when deputies and Drug Enforcement Administration agents joined them in Braulio's home, they found another 27 kilograms, along with \$37,000 in cash stashed away in the dryer.

The officers arrested five additional people in the residence.

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## Setting the record straight

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# USMS is nation's first federal law enf. agency

by David Turk, Marshals Service historian

The oldest federal law enforcement agency in the United States is truly the Marshals Service.

The agency was formed by the Judiciary Act of Sept. 24, 1789. The act specifically determined that law enforcement was to be the U.S. Marshals' *primary function*. Therefore it appropriately defined marshals as law enforcement officers.

The text of Section 27 of the Judiciary Act reads:

*And be it further enacted, That a marshal shall be appointed in and for each district for a term of four years, but shall be removable from office at pleasure, whose duty it shall be to attend the district and circuit courts when sitting therein, and also the Supreme Court in the district in which that court shall sit.(b) And to execute throughout the district, all lawful precepts directed to him, and issued under the authority of the United States, and he shall have the power to command all necessary assistance in the execution of his duty, and to appoint as shall be occasion, one or more deputies ...* \*1

Section 28 of the Judiciary Act authorizes the U.S. marshal or deputy marshal to execute federal judicial writs and process. It also required sworn personnel and continuity in office. Such language was designed to give the U.S. marshals a wide latitude of powers and the authority to deputize. The direct connection to the federal court system indicated the early need to execute lawful precepts throughout the new nation. \*2

Today, almost all federal, local and state entities acknowledge the Marshals Service as the oldest or first federal law enforcement agency. Other federal agencies have mistakenly believed they were the first. However, their claims fall short when researched in proper context. Although they had equally important functions, they were not conceived on the model of law enforcement at the same time.

## Origins of the Judiciary Act and the U.S. Marshals

President George Washington outlined the origins of his vision of the U.S. marshal in a new nation. In a letter dated Jan. 31, 1785, he let slip a possible model in correcting a French poet in private correspondence. "I am no Marshall [sic]

of France, nor do I hold any Commission, or fill any Office under that Government, or any other whatever." \*3

Whether intentional or not, Washington gave the judicial branch this important emphasis in his mind when Congress formed the Judiciary Act. His proposed address to Congress in April 1789, although not used, stated that the body "will be pleased therefore to let a supreme regard for equal justice and the inherent rights of the citizens be visible in all your proceedings" when organizing the Judicial Department. \*4

Congress worked feverishly on the Judiciary Act in the late spring and early summer of 1789. It was largely the embodiment of a committee of 10 in the First Federal Congress. The framers of the act included Oliver Ellsworth of Connecticut, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia and William Paterson of New Jersey. Ellsworth, Paterson and Massachusetts Senator Caleb Strong had a superior grasp of law, so much of the drafting went through them. Lee was only one of two Anti-Federalists in the group, so a strong, centralized Judiciary Act was assured from the start. Nonetheless, Section 27 was written by an unknown hand — likely a clerk. Ellsworth penned most of the draft and likely contributed the necessary language that created the U.S. Marshals. \*5

As the debate over the Judiciary Act continued over the course of the summer, the first reading of the bill prompted the first prospective U.S. marshals to write President Washington. On June 19, 1789, Pennsylvanian Clement Biddle was among the first applicants. He wrote:

Being informed that the Judicary Bill is in forward and that there will probably be a marshal of the federal Court for the district of Pennsylvania, I beg leave to inform you, that on my retiring from the Army, I was appointed Marshal of the Court of Admiralty for this State ... \*6

Many of these early office seekers were not necessarily naming their desired position. For instance, William Smith of New York wrote Washington on May 12, well before the first reading, stating that he sought "an appointment at home or

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## Clearly the first

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abroad.” Jonathan Jackson of Massachusetts applied “for an office with reasonable emoluments,” as he had to support nine children. \*7

The debate continued until the bill passed the Senate on July 17, 1789. One of the oddities of the process was the first U.S. marshal of Virginia, Edward Carrington, disapproved of the Judiciary Bill in the presented form. The House referred it to a Committee of the Whole, which made its report on August 13. More amendments were proposed, but these had no bearing on the formation of the U.S. Marshals. After the debate of these additions, the Judiciary Act was signed on September 24. The present-day Marshals Service was born right alongside the American judicial system. \*8

### Washington’s intent

On Sept. 30, 1789, a form letter was sent to the first generation of U.S. marshals. It read in part:

Sir: I have the pleasure to inform you that you are appointed (Marshal or Attorney) for the District of \_\_\_\_\_ and your Commission is enclosed, accomplished with such Laws as have passed relative to the Judicial Department of the United States. \*9

The phrasing was vague and it did not delineate the extent of their law enforcement powers. Washington felt it hinged on future Congresses to outline it, but already the U.S. marshals were tasked with taking the first federal census. An idea of Washington’s own political emphasis on the office of marshal was evident in an August 1791 letter to fellow patriot Benjamin Lincoln. District of Massachusetts Marshal Jonathan Jackson had resigned, leaving the president to appoint a second person in that office. Washington wrote:

My dear Sir: As it never has been my intention to bestow double Offices on the same person, and my design that those Marshalls [sic] who have received Appointments under the late Revenue Act should hold the former (i.e. the Marshalls office) until the first of the present month (The time by which the Census was to be returned, or until this business should be accomplished) and no longer, it behooves me to look for a successor to Mr. Jackson in the office of Marshall, for the District of Massats. How beneficial this office may be, I know not. \*10

The importance of the U.S. marshal in the nation’s early years was evident during the first

census in 1790 and the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794 — in which the federal government enforced unpopular taxes on the beverage. While not the most lucrative of offices, there were few with greater respect. The same office that President George Washington envisioned nearly 215 years ago has grown in responsibility and excelled — all the while living up to the standards of justice, integrity and service. Despite the achievements of other agencies, legal standing and original intent underscore that the United States Marshals Service is the oldest and first federal law enforcement agency.

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#### Endnotes:

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## 2004 Director's Honorary Awards Ceremony

On March 30, Director Reyna presided over the 23rd annual Director's Honorary Awards Ceremony. The event, held this year at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Va., recognized the employees of the Marshals Service who truly shined in 2003.

### Fitness in Total Award

The **Fitness in Total (FIT) Awards** are presented to those employees who are dedicated to the FIT Program as a way of life and who motivate colleagues to participate in fitness activities.

Eastern Arkansas Deputy **Ernest Harris** has been a fitness coordinator since 1986. As such, he has represented the Marshals Service in numerous athletic competitions. He has won 25 medals as a participant in the World Police and Fire Games. He holds the Marshals Service Training Academy record for completing 114 pushups in one minute. He is a certified physical fitness specialist who consistently encourages administrative and operational employees to develop personal fitness goals, improve fitness levels and achieve better overall health. He also teaches martial arts free of charge to low income students and trains other law enforcement agency personnel.

Eastern New York Supervisory Deputy **Robert Lunger** began an exercise plan in 1997 geared toward training for marathons. He was overweight at the time and his doctor advised him that he needed a lifestyle change to combat high blood pressure and high triglyceride problems. He ran in the New York City Marathon in 1998, and two years later competed in the New York City, Boston and Yonkers marathons. In 2001, he competed in several triathalons. In 2003, he earned over \$12,000 for muscular dystrophy research by competing in the Ironman Lake Placid. Through his fitness transformation, he has been a positive role model for others.

### Leadership Beyond the Standard Group Award

The **Leadership Beyond the Standard Group Award** recognizes a group of Marshals Service employees that sets the pace in a particular area of expertise.

During fiscal 2003, Marshals Service Training Academy Chief **Brian Beckwith** and his dedicated staff conducted and certified 13 Basic 082 [deputy marshal] classes and two 1811 [criminal investigator] classes. These were the highest totals in 18 years. In order to provide a sustained level of superior performance for 672 recruits, Academy staff members fully committed themselves to the training mission. The Academy designed and implemented basic and advanced administrative training courses for 140 employees, while more than 400 attended divisional classes. The Academy also conducted management training programs and instituted a partnership with Sam Houston State University to conduct the agency's first executive leadership development program. During fiscal 2003, Academy staff processed,

approved and funded 2,209 requests for external training classes with fees totaling \$585,000. Marshals Service Training Academy staff members are: **Barbara Anderson, Christopher Atwater, Michael Brady, Robert Bryant, David Campbell, Patricia Carte-Miller, Michael Cherne, Frances Cooke, Mary Dorcas, Kathleen Dozier, Mark Dunker, Richard Dwyer, Daniel Fair, Felix Felton, Kim Gordon, Bernard Graham, Steve Graves, David Hale, Donna Ishmael, Timothy Ishmael, John Jennings, Joseph Johnson, Vernon Johnson, Christine Kelly, David King, Clifford LaBarge, David McGaha, Gerald McPike, Loretta Ora, Dan Orr, Michael Plotts, Willie Richardson, Shirley Robben, Carol Rodgers, Tony Ross and Ramiro Suarez.**

"While many challenges remain, we demonstrated in 2003 that we can reach our goals. I commend you for the sense of justice you continue to display. We will continue with a strength of will that is our hallmark."

— Director Reyna

# Director's Awards

## Special Achievement Awards

The **Special Achievement Awards** honor those Marshals Service employees who have made significant contributions to the agency during 2003.



*Director Reyna presented District of Columbia Deputy Chris Morgan, center, and West Region Judicial Security Inspector James Smith, right, with Special Achievement Awards for their role in capturing two suspects who shot an off-duty police officer and a female coworker in Brunswick, Ga.*



*Deputy U.S. Attorney General James Comey delivered the keynote address. "I often marvel at the courage it takes for deputy marshals to do what they do," he said. "There are few jobs in this world where you get paid to do the right thing. You are the good guys ... and [you] are brave in many ways."*

**Claire Adams**, chief, Information Technology Security, has worked tirelessly to improve information technology security within the Marshals Service through an extensive field reorganization. Her dedicated efforts have resulted in the certification and accreditation of six major information technology systems. Due to her oversight, information technology security within the Marshals Service has improved, and this has led to an improved standing with auditors and senior Department of Justice managers. She has provided consistent, professional service to 6,500 agency employees and contractors.

Supervisory Criminal Investigator **Keith Erni** has served in a leadership capacity with the Special Operations Group (SOG) for 20 years, and he has consistently exhibited the highest caliber performance. He has helped plan, rehearse and execute numerous SOG missions and assignments. He was instrumental in reinstituting and developing less lethal tools and weapons for SOG, including impact munitions, stun shields and Taser stun guns. As an instructor, he is responsible for training officers from numerous law enforcement agencies, ensuring that SOG techniques are utilized with consistency.

Eastern New York Assistant Chief Deputy **Timothy Hogan** has devoted many years of his career to identifying and solving security issues at Marshals Service court facilities. He has developed comprehensive plans to network the components of various courthouses into integrated systems — allowing for tighter security. He also designed, developed and managed the perimeter security project at the Foley Square federal courthouse complex, resulting in a savings of \$2 million in annual security costs. He was instrumental in developing building evacuation training, and he trained the occupants of four courthouses on biological and chemical threats, emergency preparedness and mail handling procedures.

**Martha Kobliska**, transportation specialist with the Business Services

Division, spearheaded an effort whereby the Marshals Service now purchases vehicles through the UNICOR [Federal Prison Industries, Inc.] centralized system. This standardized all of the agency's law enforcement vehicles. She coordinated with a diverse national group of representatives to ensure that the UNICOR acquisition process — as well as the products — would meet all Marshals Service requirements. This money saving initiative provides turn-key vehicles that are ready with all necessary equipment at the time of delivery.

District of Columbia Deputy **Chris Morgan** and West Region Judicial Security Inspector **James Smith** were serving as class advisors at the Marshals Service Training Academy when they came upon a deadly confrontation the night of April 11, 2003. An off-duty police officer working at a Brunswick, Ga., convenience store, along with a female coworker, were shot during an attempted robbery involving two suspects. The officer wounded one of the suspects in a return of fire, but was physically unable to restrain him. The other suspect fled the scene. Hearing the gunfire, the two deputy marshals secured the suspect and the scene, notified the local police and called for an ambulance. They also provided first aid to the officer and the female victim. Their immediate and courageous response prevented the wounded suspect from fleeing. They then worked alongside more than 130 local law enforcement officers from 14 different agencies to locate the second suspect. That individual was captured the following day without incident. Deputies Morgan and Smith brought great credit to the Marshals Service through their selfless actions.

On countless occasions during his 24 years with the Marshals Service, West Region Senior Inspector **Mark Neuberger**, Judicial Security Division, has helped districts plan and implement security during high-threat trials and protective details. His performance, dedication to duty and leadership skills are exemplary. He earned high marks for

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### Special Achievement Awards, cont.

his expertise in developing and implementing security plans and protocols for the International Association of Prosecutors National Conference in Washington, D.C., which was attended by attorneys general from 87 countries and the United States. He has coordinated security for all nine Supreme Court justices and they have often recognized him for his professionalism. He also has served as a mentor to many new Marshals Service court security inspectors.

Eastern Michigan Deputy **James Zabinski** was instrumental in develop-

ing a close working relationship with members of the agency's Electronic Surveillance Unit (ESU). He has trained fellow district deputies to utilize ESU's capabilities to augment their own techniques. He further distinguished himself in June 2003 when he responded to an accident at an apartment complex while conducting an investigation. A teenage maintenance worker had severed a portion of his foot with a lawnmower, so the deputy rendered first aid to the victim to mitigate a life threatening situation.

### Distinguished Group Awards

The **Distinguished Group Awards** are given to teams of individuals that have carried out specific missions in an exemplary manner while bringing positive attention to the Marshals Service.

The District of New Mexico sub-offices of **Las Cruces** and **Roswell** encompass an area of approximately 55,000 square miles — including more than 160 miles of the Mexican border. Employees in these sub-offices have pulled together to meet such challenges as: maintaining a daily prisoner population of 1,150; serving in remote locations; participating in a very active and successful HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) task force; assisting with international extraditions out of Mexico; and supporting special assignments. Despite the heavy workload, these employees have been innovative in utilizing available resources and personnel to ensure that all functions are properly and professionally handled. These individuals are: Supervisory Deputy **Roxanna Irwin**; Chief Inspectors **Jeff Dale**, **Simon Delgado**, **Donald Dunn**, **Byron Hollister**, **Dave Loyer**, **Denise Sanchez** and **Lee White**; Deputies **Dennis Borst**, **Jim Glisson**, **Paul Hernandez**, **Chris Leachman** and **Carlos Munoz**; administrative support assistants **Rebecca Flores** and **Nancy Lucero**; and investigative research specialist **Betty Wiggleton**.

Eastern Virginia Marshal **John Clark**, Chief Deputy **John Hackman**, Assistant Chief Deputy **Mary Doherty**, Supervisory Deputies **Kevin Connolly** and **Jim Daley** and Deputy **Nick Proffitt** successfully coordinated the Marshals Service's first ever weapons of mass destruction (WMD) training exercise in

February 2003. It was dubbed Operation Furies and it was staged at the U.S. courthouse in Alexandria, Va. The purpose was to evaluate operational preparedness for multiple police, fire and emergency medical response jurisdictions in the event of a true WMD scenario. The operation required months of planning to coordinate role players from the judiciary, court family, U.S. Attorney's Office and the local community. **Mark Chapman**, **Andrew Smith**, **Derrick Driscoll**, **Tom Griel**, **David Anderson**, **Jon Murray**, **Paul Kiernan**, **James Alandydy**, **Noelle Douglas**, **Christine D'Ambrosio**, **Mike Pyo** and **Bill Snelson** of the Marshals Service's Hazardous Response Unit participated in the mock incident. Other participants included: the Federal Bureau of Investigation; U.S. Marine Corps Chemical Biological Incident Response Force; and a number of Washington-based police, fire and WMD units. There was significant media interest in this day-long exercise, and several members of Congress were on hand as well. The lessons learned from this operation have been incorporated into official WMD response plans in the Washington area.

During fiscal 2003, the Marshals Service hired 503 deputy marshals — the highest such number in two decades. This recruitment success was the result of the Deputy Accelerated Recruitment Endeavor (DARE). Through DARE, a dedicated group of employees condensed all candidate screening into a brief, intense period of time, conducting

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# Director's Awards

## Distinguished Group Awards,

seven DARE operations in the space of a **C**ar. This monumental effort provided sorely needed deputies to the field and helped reduce disparities in district staffing levels. DARE participants were: **Mark Abe, Linda Bickerstaff, Emma Campbell, Mary Cassady, Deb Hale, Patricia Lowry, Jim Ogan, Shirley Rice, Ana Rivera, William Simmons, Barbara Spangler and Judith Sullivan** — all from the Human Resources Division; **Garland Preddy**, Executive Services Division; **Nancy Harsin**, Program Review; **Robert Pastula**, Middle Florida; **John Patrignani**, Eastern Pennsylvania; **Charles Pittman**, Eastern Tennessee; and **Shirley Saathoff**, Western Texas.

The Human Resources Division's Merit Promotion Team — **Sandra Lyles, Gail Turner, Sylvia Beach, Joan Ealy and Teresa Dreyfus-Brady** — were responsible for the deputy marshal (218 series) hiring process in fiscal 2003. They re-implemented the open season for USM-280 [merit promotion] package submissions and also coordinated and led merit promotion panels to modify and update the agency's promotion process. Team members filled positions for the Center for Disease Control and regional fugitive task forces with Marshals Service employees. Team members also filled numerous agency vacancies brought on by promotions and retirements. They have established a more efficient process whereby supervisors and managers are promoted. Through a spirit of teamwork, they have furthered the agency's employment goals.

For four consecutive years, the Management and Budget Division has achieved a clean audit opinion for the Marshals Service. It has also reduced the number of material weaknesses cited in the audit report to zero. This required pre-audit visits to field offices and meetings with auditors and staff members from the Inspector General's Office. During fiscal 2003, the division conducted budgeting workshops within the agency. Division staff members trained 128 employees from the districts and 55 from headquarters on budget formulation and funding topics. The division also has developed and maintained two staffing models currently used in the agency: the District Budget Model and the Workforce Equalization Model. These have resulted in a more equitable distribution of Marshals Service resources. The Information Technology Services Network Team had a major hand in implementing all division projects, facilitating all of the many technical requirements. Management and Budget Division employees are: **Joe Briggs, John May, Maureen Pan, Ron Pautz, Robert Whitely, Mike McNiff, Jim Murphy, Anthony Corbitt, Charles Weber, Robert Walsh, Denise Levenberry, Celeste Robinson, Jared Martin and Indar Singh**. Information Technology Services Network Team members are: **Anthony Arcadi, Richard Armbrister, Jeff Corwin, Todd Dubose, Joseph Eason, Al English, Jonathan Fondow, Ed Hachem, Brennie Hackley, David Smith, Larry Smith, Jill Spurkosky and Liem Tong**.



*The Merit Promotion Team handled extensive hiring duties for the agency in 2003. Pictured with the director are team members [left to right] Teresa Dreyfus-Brady, Sylvia Beach, Sandra Lyles, Gail Turner and Joan Ealy.*

The **Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Award** recognizes Marshals Service employees who have made special contributions to the recruitment, training and promotion of women and minorities.

## EEO Award

Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist **Donaval Mitchell** has managed the Marshals Service Centralized Student Career Experience Program since 2000, and under her leadership, this cooperative education program has served as a major recruitment resource as the agency has sought to hire more women and minorities. She has processed more than 500 applications, and of these, 64 percent were minorities and women. Ninety-two students have

successfully completed the program, going on to become deputy marshals. She also has: formed a workshop to assist students preparing for the deputy marshal interview; established a cadre of female recruiters to recruit women on college campuses; and initiated the requirement of firearms training and monthly performance assessments during the students' 16-week district work experience.



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## Director's Awards

### Harry Belluomini Memorial Court Security Officer Award

The **Harry Belluomini Memorial Court Security Officer Award** recognizes court security officers (CSOs) who have projected a positive and professional image of the Marshals Service to the courts and general public. Harry Belluomini was a CSO in Northern Illinois who was killed in the line of duty in 1992.

The **Citizen of the Year Award** honors individuals who performed a special act of cooperation or assistance for the Marshals Service.



*Janak Dhabuwala, center, helped the Marshals Service capture a fugitive. He is pictured with the director and Massachusetts Marshal Anthony Dichio.*

The **Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award** is given to a local, state or federal officer who has made a significant contribution to the mission of the Marshals Service.



*Mike Morgan's dedication has consistently aided the agency over the years.*

On the morning of Jan. 17, 2003, CSOs **Robert Booher** and **Ronald Tatro** were on duty in the lobby of the Burlington, Vt., federal building. Manning their post, which adjoined the public lobby of the post office, the two CSOs observed an elderly man waiting in line suddenly fall backwards and hit his head on the floor. Booher and Tatro immediately responded to assist the victim as the other CSO on duty, Donna Sieverding, remained at their post to summon

additional help. The victim, Richard Phelps, 76, had stopped breathing, so the two CSOs administered CPR to him. This restored Phelps' breathing until medical personnel from the Burlington Fire Department arrived. After a short stay in a local hospital, the victim was released in good physical condition. In a press release issued by the fire department, Booher and Tatro were credited with saving the man's life.

### Citizen of the Year Award

On May 9, 2003, the New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force requested assistance from the District of Massachusetts in locating and apprehending Carlos Rivera, a convicted sexual predator and armed robbery suspect. Deputy marshals in Springfield, Mass., learned that Rivera had spent a number of nights in a Quality Inn hotel on Riverdale Street. When they visited the hotel with a photograph of Rivera, manager **Janak Dhabuwala** and clerk **Nisha Moh** identified him as a former guest. The two employees promised to call the deputies if Rivera ever returned. Three weeks later, Dhabuwala did just that. When deputies responded, Dhabuwala provided them with a key to

Rivera's room and also described the clothing worn by the suspect and two of his associates as they left the hotel that day. He also left the two rooms directly across from Rivera's room vacant and then gave those keys to the deputies as well. Moh informed them that Rivera typically returned to the hotel around 11 p.m. That night at 10:40, two individuals entered the room in question and the deputies immediately announced their presence. When the individuals wouldn't open the door, the deputies breached it. After a brief struggle, they arrested Rivera. Were it not for Dhabuwala and Moh, this capture would never have happened.

### Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award

Sergeant **Mike Morgan** of the Salt Lake County (Utah) Sheriff's Office has been a dedicated supporter of the Marshals Service for many years. Responsible for overseeing the court operations for the Matheson State Courthouse, he has provided invaluable assistance to members of the Marshals Service. He was deputized as a member of the Marshals Service/Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office Joint Criminal Apprehension Team (JCAT), and it was his idea and legwork that created the cooperative unit in the first place. JCAT members have arrested 1,400 suspects since its inception. Twice while assigned

to the unit, he received his agency's Medal of Distinction for "acts of courage and outstanding leadership under extremely dangerous circumstances." In one incident, Sgt. Morgan rescued a wounded officer during a shooting incident in which another officer was killed. In addition to his JCAT participation, he coordinates bi-weekly airlift operations. Plus, he attends Marshals Service training programs and then trains others in his own agency. An office holder in the Fraternal Order of Police, he is very active helping underprivileged children and their families in his community.

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### Meritorious Service Awards

The **Meritorious Service Awards** are given to employees whose dedication greatly contributes to the accomplishments of the Marshals Service.



*Joe Moy is congratulated by Deputy Director Gambatesa after receiving his Meritorious Service Award. Moy put the "service" in Marshals Service, and his 25 years with the agency were characterized by a willingness to help others in their time of need.*

For many years, Chief Inspector **William Hufnagel**, Investigative Services Division, has dedicated himself to developing the Marshals Service's Technical Operations Group — a unit which has received international recognition for its surveillance expertise. Early in his career, Hufnagel recognized the value of technical surveillance in contributing to the agency's missions. As a deputy marshal in 1985, he installed four pen registers while working a case involving two escaped federal prisoners. Although the Marshals Service had earlier used electronic applications, this was the unofficial beginning of the specialized unit. In 1989, he was promoted and then transferred to headquarters, where he officially founded the Electronic Surveillance Unit (ESU). At that point, ESU consisted of one full-time member and no budget, but in the years since, Hufnagel has developed ESU into an entity which has 50 assigned members, a state-of-the-art central operations center, five regional operations centers, 12 satellite offices and specialized equipment and vehicles. ESU has provided outstanding investigative support for the Marshals Service and other law enforcement agencies during thousands of fugitive investigations and related missions. The unit was present: in Vieques, Puerto Rico, during anti-bombing protests there; at the crash site of the Space Shuttle Columbia; and at the World Trade Center soon after the terrorist attacks. Chief Hufnagel's vision, dedication, self-sacrifice and commitment to the Marshals Service is a credit to law enforcement agencies far and wide.

**Joe Moy** has worked for the Marshals Service for more than 25 years, and during that time, he has served in every aspect of the human resources profession. But he has come to be known for his role as the agency's retirement and benefits officer. In that position, he has become a highly respected and trusted emissary for the agency during times of stress and crisis for employees and their families. He manages a staff of eight employees that is responsible for: the agency's payroll; personnel data entry and retrieval; maintaining official personnel folders; and responding to all Freedom of Information Act requests concerning employment. Under his direction, these functions operate smoothly. Moy's team is also responsible for administering: the Thrift Savings Plan, health/life insurance, divorce inquiries, garnishments and alimony/child support payments. He has handled more than 1,500 agency retirements, and he has been selfless in making himself available to assist retiring employees and their families. His training classes at the Marshals Service Training Academy and his retirement seminars have always been extremely popular. Moy has also guided the surviving spouses and family members of employees who were killed in the line of duty or who had died in non job-related accidents or illnesses. During each instance, his tact, diplomacy and discretion helped ease the stress related to the complicated paperwork and bureaucracy. He has fostered a sincere sense of family throughout the agency, and he has built a sense of trust with virtually every employee with whom he has come in contact.

### Distinguished Service Awards

The **Distinguished Service Awards** recognize employees who have distinguished themselves from their peers through leadership, competence, skills or performance — while contributing to agency goals.

Northern Ohio Deputy **Timothy Hornung** is the driving force behind the success of the Violent Gun Reduction Interdiction Program (V-GRIP) in the Youngstown, Ohio, area. Youngstown had the fourth largest per-capita crime rate in the United States, and V-GRIP was formed by the local U.S. attorney and the Marshals Service to reduce gun violence there. Hornung relocated to the city, formed a task force with local law

enforcement officers and worked tirelessly to serve thousands of warrants. This two-month operation significantly reduced the overall crime rate and homicide rate in Youngstown. Only one homicide occurred during V-GRIP. Hornung closed 193 cases and made more than one third of all the arrests, and his leadership brought positive recognition to the agency in the media and the law enforcement community.

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### Distinguished Service Awards, cont.

Northern Texas Supervisory Deputy **Trent Touchstone** manages the Dallas contingent of the Dallas/Ft. Worth Violent Offenders Task Force. Through his efforts, more than two dozen law enforcement agencies have signed a letter of agreement with the Marshals Service to work together to locate and apprehend violent offenders. He initiated, developed and supervises the district's Special Response Team, which has assisted numerous law enforcement agencies. His hard work and dedication helped create the district's training facility — which has a firearms simulator room, movable walls, office area, judicial chambers and a mock courtroom with a holding cell. Marshals Service personnel and more than 1,200 state and local officers have used this facility to date. Touchstone also has used existing district equipment to develop training videos for deputies and court security officers that will help them better perform their duties.

Utah Deputy **Michael Wingert** coordinated all aspects of the lengthy, high-threat trial of the Sundowners Motorcycle Gang. This included developing security measures and writing an operational plan. Through his resourcefulness, he obtained an explosives detection canine at no cost to the district. He investigated threats made against the assistant U.S. attorney and the judge during the trial, and he took appropriate security measures to protect them. Also, his assistance on the Marshals Service/Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office Joint Criminal Apprehension Task Force (JCAT) has been an integral part of the operation's success. Wingert is also the district's collateral duty public affairs officer, and as such he has prepared press releases and given numerous interviews on JCAT cases and other fugitive matters. He has made presentations on behalf of the Marshals Service to 16 different sheriff's offices, five colleges, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the U.S. Probation Office concerning the topics of personal security, defensive tactics and prisoner movements. He is fluent in Spanish and he routinely serves as a translator in various capacities. He also coordinated the 2003

Rainbow Gathering, a three-week peace gathering on U.S. Forest Service land attended by 20,000 people. The Forest Service has adopted his coordination expertise for future gatherings.

**Joni Gibson**, attorney advisor in the Office of General Counsel, is the primary person responsible for giving legal advice regarding the Marshals Service's most critical procurement actions. She reviews major contracts, defends bid protests before the General Accounting Office, defends claims before the Contract Board of Appeals and provides litigation support for cases before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. She provides legal advice pertaining to procurement and asset forfeiture matters. She has been pivotal in negotiating memoranda of understanding with other federal agencies as well as site access license agreements for communications support during Marshals Service task force operations. Gibson has provided legal assistance on numerous cooperative agreements, intergovernmental agreements and other complex contractual support issues. She is also actively involved in the Office of the Federal Detention Trustee's realignment of the Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System.

**Lori Iorg**, New Mexico criminal clerk, always looks for ways to improve processes and increase efficiency within her district. Concerned with the large number of days required to hold inmates after sentencing, she received permission to analyze the process — in addition to her regular duties. She contacted the Bureau of Prisons, Probation Office and several district sub-offices. Several weeks later, after many hours of research and hard work, she formulated a plan. Due to her efforts, it now takes 25 days — down from 64 — for an inmate to go from being sentenced to being designated to a permanent prison facility. This has had an enormous impact on inmate housing costs and personnel hours within the district. Iorg's innovations have shaved the time a prisoner remains in Marshals Service custody by more than a month and saves her district \$2,700 per inmate per month.



*With a passion for efficiency and cost savings, Lori Iorg, New Mexico criminal clerk, saved her district thousands of dollars in 2003 by streamlining the prisoner custody process.*

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## Distinguished District Awards

The **Distinguished District Awards** offer the opportunity to honor those Marshals Service districts that have performed at the highest levels of success during the past year. An award is presented to the outstanding large, medium and small district, with size distinctions based on the number of employees.



*Eastern Texas Marshal John Moore and administrative officer Virginia Pack accept the Distinguished District Award. District employees were vital to NASA after the Space Shuttle Columbia exploded over the Texas sky.*

### Small District

The **District of North Dakota** faced many new challenges during fiscal 2003 while continuing to exceed the requirements of its varied mission areas. Despite manpower shortages during this period, the district coped with a 34 percent increase in prisoner productions and a 28 percent rise in the average daily prisoner population. The district is rather unique. A vast majority of its enforcement work is generated by five American Indian reservations throughout the state. In addition to handling its more typical agency responsibilities, district employees generously support and volunteer for many community outreach activities — such as an annual blood drive and numerous Combined Federal Campaign events.

### Medium District

The **Eastern District of Texas** performed all its core missions exceptionally well in fiscal 2003, and it distinguished itself in the unprecedented aftermath of the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster. Debris from the shuttle's explosion and disintegration was littered throughout the district, and the Marshals Service was one of the first federal agencies to respond. District employees helped coordinate and staff the initial command post and then the main command post. At NASA's request, district personnel were assigned to

astronaut recovery teams as well as a makeshift morgue. Although this task lasted several weeks and stretched district resources quite thin, all Marshals Service responsibilities were met — such as providing security during several high-threat trials, participating in the East Texas Violent Crimes Task Force and seizing more than 1,100 pounds of drug paraphernalia during Operation Pipe Dreams.

### Large District

Employees in the **District of Arizona** demonstrated their dedication and professionalism during a time of reduced budgets and manpower shortages. The district manages an ever-increasing, daily prisoner population of more than 3,900 and has also remained among the top Marshals Service districts in enforcement matters. The district has the largest single jail contract within the agency — 3,000 bedspaces — in Florence, Ariz. The district's fugitive task force has arrested more than 2,450 felony fugitives, and its High Intensity Drug Trafficking Task Force has constantly ranked in the top five in reported arrests. Arizona supports a number of additional Marshals Service programs, such as hosting a Mexico liaison training program and a week-long event on recruitment testing and interviewing. The district also carried out a major drug paraphernalia seizure during Operation Pipe Dreams.



*Members of the Oak Ridge (Va.) Elementary School Chorus sang a patriotic music selection at the awards ceremony.*

*Utah Supervisory Deputy Michael Wingert is interviewed at the ceremony after receiving the Distinguished Service Award.*





# The Marshals Service remembers ...

## Renee Abdel-Wahab

Renee Abdel-Wahab, 54, who twice worked for the Marshals Service's Human Resources Division, died Dec. 16, 2003. Her first stint began in February 1986 and lasted until January 1992, when she retired under disability provisions. Upon receiving an organ transplant, she was reinstated in April 1997. Prior to joining the agency, she worked for the Department of the Navy from 1975-77. From there, she transferred to the Department of the Army. In 1978, she went to the Federal Maritime Commission. She was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and is survived by her husband Mohamed and a son.



Renee Abdel-Wahab

## Donald Peterson

Retired Kansas Supervisory Deputy Donny Peterson, 57, died Dec. 29, 2003. He started with the Marshals Service in 1977 in the District of Columbia Superior Court. He then

transferred to Southern Florida, where he served in the warrants section until being promoted to supervisory deputy in the District of Kansas in 1994. He retired from the agency in Kansas in November 2001 and moved back to Buffalo, N.Y. Prior to coming to the Marshals Service, he was on active duty in the U.S. Army for three years during the Vietnam War, serving as a military intelligence soldier. Said Kansas Chief Deputy Daryl Ingermanson, "Donny was greatly missed after his retirement, as he was one of the agency's top fugitive investigators. His nickname was 'The Professor' for all the deputies he trained to hunt fugitives." He is survived by his wife Diane.

## Joseph Lumia

Former Deputy Joe Lumia, 78, died Feb. 8, 2003, after a brave fight with a rare form of cancer. Throughout his Marshals Service career, he served in the District of Columbia, Connecticut and New Jersey, and he also served as a special deputy in D.C. Superior Court. Prior to his federal employment, he served in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force for 20 years, receiving numerous citations during his military career including the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal. After retiring from the Marshals Service, he worked several different jobs. He was a heavy construction truck driver with his brothers in New York, a correctional supervisor in Maryland and a salesman in private industry. His final position was in the

Transportation Department at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. In May 2002, he and his wife Jane moved to Glendale, Pa., and shortly thereafter he was diagnosed with cancer. Said his wife: "Joe's life revolved around his family and friends, building his retirement home and rooting for the Washington Redskins." He loved to travel, and both he and Jane spent time in Italy, Germany, Hawaii and many parts of the United States. He is survived by Jane and three children.



Joseph Lumia

## James Hopson Jr.

North Dakota Deputy James Hopson, a man whose life was forever changed while serving an arrest warrant in 1983, died Feb. 4, 2004, in a nursing home in Green Bay, Wis. He was 79. In 1983, Hopson was part of the Marshals Service's team that set out to apprehend Gordon Kahl. A farmer who

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refused to pay his federal income taxes and the leader of a group of like-minded individuals called Posse Comitatus, Kahl spent some time in federal prison but was later paroled. He violated the terms of his parole by leaving the Texas jurisdiction in which he was confined, and on Feb. 13, 1983, the District of North Dakota went after him. The arrest team set up a roadblock in rural Medina, N.D., and soon ensnared Kahl, who was traveling with some of his family and a few Posse Comitatus members. In the resulting shoot-out, Marshal Kenneth Muir and Chief Deputy Robert Cheshire were killed. Deputy Hopson was struck in the temple by a piece of asphalt sent flying by a ricocheting bullet. Retired Deputy Carl Wigglesworth, also part of the arrest team, remembers that Hopson's wounds were quite severe. "When I checked on him," he said, "his face was covered with blood." The injury left him disabled for the rest of his life, and Wigglesworth said Hopson also lost his sense of taste and smell, and he had trouble with his balance. Cheryl Hopson, the oldest of the fallen deputy's four children, said her father rarely spoke of that bloody day in Medina. "It was a sad chapter in his life and it changed the rest of his life forever." She said he never again returned to the state of North Dakota. Lynn Crooks, a now-

retired U.S. attorney who worked on the Kahl case, said, "The description he gave me at trial was that he started out that day as a whole man, and after that day he said he was no longer a whole man. He had holes in his memory and he knew it." He was a U.S. Marine prior to joining the Marshals Service, having served in the South Pacific in 1944 and 1945. His last combat was on Iwo Jima. The Wisconsin native returned to his home state after the war, getting married and taking on several different jobs before becoming a Manitowoc County (Wis.) traffic officer for 11 years. With the Marshals Service, he served for 12 years as a deputy marshal in the districts of Eastern Wisconsin, Arizona and North Dakota. He is survived by his wife Doris, two sons and two daughters.

### George Grant

Former Southern New York Marshal George Grant, 83, died Jan. 29, 2004. Prior to his appointment as marshal, he served in the New York City Police Department from 1952-77. There, he achieved the rank of sergeant before retiring from the Bronx District Attorney's Office. He also served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by his wife Lil.

### George Deakyne

A deputy marshal for 32 years, George Deakyne died Feb. 11, 2004, in Milford, Del. He was 80. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Europe during

World War II. While with the Marshals Service, he worked in three districts — Washington, D.C., Southern Florida and Delaware. He retired in 1977. He is survived by his wife Elinore and three daughters.

### Mark Tucker

Former Eastern North Carolina Marshal Mark Tucker, 49, was killed in the line of duty on Feb. 12, 2004. The former marshal resigned from the agency in March 2000 and returned to his previous position of deputy sheriff/investigator with the Wake County (N.C.) Sheriff's Office. Investigator Tucker was shot as he investigated shots being fired in a field not far from his home. The suspect, an 18-year-old who was on felony probation, thought he was going to be arrested for possessing a firearm so he fired at Tucker, whose service weapon was still in its holster. The suspect fled the scene but was found and arrested two days later. He subsequently confessed the shooting and has been charged with first-degree murder. Tucker, the president of the Wake County Fraternal Order of Police, is survived by his wife Patricia and two sons.

### Jack Smith

Jack Smith, 74, the man who founded the Retired U.S. Marshals Association (RUSMA),

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died Feb. 19, 2004, in Mesa, Ariz. The Philadelphia native served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Midway in 1951 and 1952. After his military service, he worked for the U.S. Post Office and the Bensalem (Pa.) Police Department. In 1968, he joined the Marshals Service as a deputy marshal and retired in 1988. After his retirement from the agency, he worked in security until 1997. He belonged to the Fraternal Order of Police, Elks, Knights of Columbus, American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. RUSMA began in 1994, and the organization's first meeting was held in the Phoenix, Ariz., federal courthouse. Fifty-three people attended. Today, the membership has climbed to 437. He is survived by his wife Dolores, three sons and a daughter.

### Joseph Rogers

Retired Witness Security Division Inspector Joseph Rogers, died March 1, 2004, at his son Dennis' home in Lancaster, Calif. He was 73. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War in notable locales such as Pusan, Inchon and the Chosin Reservoir. He was later awarded the Purple Heart. His personal insights into the war were printed in various publications such as "The Chosin Few." The battle at the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea in late 1950 was described in Time Magazine as "unparal-

leled in U.S. military history ... an epic of great suffering and great valor." It pitted 15,000 Allied ground troops against 120,000 Chinese infantrymen concealed in the mountains around the town of Yudam-ni. Three thousand Allied soldiers were killed, 6,000 were wounded and thousands more suffered frostbite from the minus-30 degree temperatures. On the other side, 25,000 Chinese soldiers were killed and 12,500 wounded. Many historians have called Chosin the most savage battle of modern warfare. Faced with near impossible odds, the Allies decimated much of the Chinese forces and enabled the evacuation of 100,000 North Korean civilians by sea. The U.S. government formally described this humanitarian feat as "the greatest rescue operation in the history of mankind." After returning home from the war, Rogers began a career in law enforcement. He served in the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department before joining the Marshals Service. He worked in the Northeast and West regions of the Witness Security Division. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

### Charles Throgmorton

Former Middle Tennessee Deputy Charlie Throgmorton, 74, died March 25, 2004. He was a military policeman in the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War. He joined the Marshals Service and carved out quite a lengthy career in the agency. He served as a deputy marshal for more than 28 years before retiring

in 1984. He then stayed close to the agency by working as a court security officer for 14 years. He retired as a CSO in 1999. Said Middle Tennessee Court Security Inspector Tony Crawford, "Charlie liked to say he came with the courthouse, which was opened in 1952." Throgmorton was one of the 127 deputy marshals who, on Sept. 30, 1962, stood their ground in the face of physical assaults to ensure that black student James Meredith could safely enroll at the University of Mississippi. He, along with his fellow deputy marshals, championed American civil rights without regard for their own safety. He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Charlene, and two sons. "Charlie was much beloved in the courthouse and by the court family, and he will be missed," Crawford said.

### Leonard Hopper

Retired Colorado Deputy Leonard Hopper, 83, died March 25, 2004. He spent 22 years with the Marshals Service — beginning in 1956 and retiring in 1978. Prior to that, he joined the U.S. Army in 1936 and was captured by Japanese soldiers in the Philippines in 1942. He spent the rest of World War II as a prisoner. Said RUSMA Vice President Bucky Burrows, "Len was one of the best known and most well liked deputies I ever met. I leaned on his good common sense more than once." He is survived by his wife Betty and three children.



*Officers march through St. Patrick's Church at the start of the Blue Mass.*



*Cardinal Theodore McCarrick told the officers, "If you do your job well, we can do ours well."*

## Blue Mass commemorates heroes' sacrifices

On May 10, law enforcement officers and firefighters filled the pews of St. Patrick's Church in Washington, D.C., to pray for their comrades who died in the line of duty during 2003 and to ask for God's continued blessings over their own safety.

This tenth annual service is called the Blue Mass because blue is the color of most police officers' uniforms.

There was an elaborate display of colors as many agencies marched to the sounds of bagpipes and drums in a procession that took them from the surrounding streets to inside the church.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the principal speaker, was honored to take part.

"You are doing what God wants you to do," he told the many men and women in attendance. "The people who are truly blessed are those who serve others. And it is you who see to it that every person has a chance to make it in this world.

"I thank God so much for you, [and] our prayer is that God brings you home every night to your families."



*The pomp and pageantry of the Blue Mass could be seen outside St. Patrick's Church.*



*Men and women from numerous public safety organizations attended the 10th Annual Blue Mass in Washington, D.C. This church service is a continuation of a tradition that dates back to 1934 at St. Patrick's.*